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Pyrford Church of England Primary School

26 January 2018

Good morning. As I'm writing this it's still dark and as usual raining! I see glimpses of spring as bulbs are beginning to sprout but with this continued rain it feels a long way away. Nevertheless we don't let the dark damp days hamper what we get up to here.

Lots has been going on this week with some great learning opportunities taking place. The whole school has been undertaking various dance modules this half term as part of our indoor PE programme. Staff have actively joined in with the dance sessions and all are making comments about the intensity of the sessions and how much their legs are aching the next day!

I had intended on making comment about Year 5's planned trip to the mosque this week. However due to a last minute let down by the transport company, the children weren't able to go. We are doing our very best to get this re booked. I know how much our Islamic children were looking forward to showing their friends where they go to worship and to learn first hand more about the Islamic faith which we cover as part of our RE teaching here.

The PTA met this week to agree the funding of a variety of projects. We have been waiting to prioritise funding raised in line with feedback we have received from the parent questionnaires, from staff and from pupils. Please keep an eye out for the PTA newsletter which details all of the projects we intend to fund, monies raised and future projects. I'm really pleased that with the list chosen, all children in the school community should be able to benefit. One of the areas which we haven't yet made a definitive decision on is the area outside Year I. Sadly, the school did not get any say in the landscaping of the new build and I, like you, am bemused as to the layout and materials used at the rear of the school, particularly by Year I. The teachers would love for this area to be used as more of an outdoor teaching and learning space and have some innovative ideas. However we were wondering if any of our parent community would be able to help and advise in how we should best go about this? Our aim is to make the space more accessible for parents but also for it to be a teaching and learning area which children can use during the school day. If you could have any ideas, please get in contact either with myself, Year I teachers or c.anderson@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk

We have continued our feedback from the parent questionnaires - please see week 2 feedback overleaf.

I'm really pleased to say that Mrs McAllister has just joined us back at school. As we thought, she is determined as ever to carry on working at full pace, so I am on her case!

We have been continuing to update our website. If something isn't on there or you find it hard to navigate, please do let us know. If you have any queries, suggestions or questions, please contact ict@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk

Next week we have the exciting trip to the O2 to look forward to. Fingers crossed the coach manages to turn up! I hope those of you supporting the children enjoy the evening; I loved it as a parent last year (quite different from being the teacher in charge!)

Have a great weekend.

Kathryn Krynicki Headteacher

Week 2 feedback

Use of the outdoor space /grounds

"More outdoor learning and utilisation of the football field." "I think the junior play equipment is fantastic, however it would be good to see some more equipment for the infants." "Better use of the grounds/outdoor space."

As you've read in this week's newsletter, we are keen to make more use of the outdoor space for both learning and playing.

Over the last year or so, Lianne Sherlock and her team have done an amazing job of transforming the environmental area and pond. This weekend, the Scouts are coming in to help build an Anderson shelter which we intend to use for a variety of uses, the obvious being our work on World War 2. There are a variety of bug hotels over there and the whole area has been cleared of the weeds and nettles which had taken over. The PTA agreed to fund a story telling chair which we are dedicating in memory of Mrs Edis. Planting is also due to take place in the spring, so lots going on and a phenomenal amount of work has taken place with so many people giving their time freely. What had become an unused space is now used by every child in the school for a variety of uses, both in and out of the curriculum. Plans are underway to set up a gardening club, so please keep an eye out for ways to get your child involved.

We'd like to develop the space outside of Year 1 as I've written in this week's newsletter, so please do get in contact if you have ideas or time and skills that you could offer.

The PTA has agreed to fund $\pm 5k$ for additional play equipment for KSI pupils to enhance their play equipment, which I know will be very well received by the children.

Our outdoor space is used for most of the day. We hold 32 PE sessions each week which last for 1 hour each and there are 9 sports clubs this term who use the field and playground areas after school.

In response to the questionnaire and the use of space and clubs being provided, we have now instated a 'boot camp' which takes place on Thursday lunchtimes. This is currently open to KS2 pupils and if successful we will consider rolling something similar out to KS1 and FS pupils.

As the weather improves we would like to make more use of the school field at lunchtimes as well as considering some outdoor lunchtime clubs.

We are always looking to improve our offer to the children; the hurdles we have to overcome are the amount of space, the supervision required and funding. If you have any specific ideas or skills to offer we would love to hear from you.

Congratulations to our Golden Book winners

Squirrels - Mira Moser for always following instructions.

Hazel - Ayla Edgley for writing an excellent story of The Three Little Pigs.

Beech - Saish Khadka for always trying his best at the star job table.

Chestnut - Emily Pugh for an excellent description of the soldiers.

Oak - Jasper Eysenck for super maths and Willow Stuart for brilliant writing about the Queen.

Cedar - Jack Hannon for answering lots of questions and giving his ideas during carpet times.

Hawthorn - Megan Cantillon for writing a fantastic version of 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'.

Elm - Joshua Osborne-Frimpong for excellent work with Ordnance Survey maps.

Juniper - Kendall Goodrich for neat and descriptive writing about Krindlekrax.

Maple - Ben Porter for neat and descriptive writing about Krindlekrax.

Alder - Nayaab Zahid for excellent work in our carbon dioxide investigation.

Larch - Connor for a fantastic effort with his writing and illustrations in English.

Cherry - Lily Passant for her fantastic attitude to Maths and great work on decimals.

Rowan - Liam Kershaw for writing a super newspaper report about a UFO landing at Pyrford.

Willow - Reuben Hack for a good start to his newspaper report and a great learning attitude this week.

Laurel - Lois Wong for writing a fantastic letter full of character emotion.

Holly - Harry Wynne for an excellent letter full of character feelings.



In assembly next week we are thinking about Jesus saying "I am the Vine"



Once upon a time (next week!) ... we are celebrating National Storytelling Week. The children will be asked to bring their favourite story into school on Monday to share with their class at some time during the week.

... and they all lived happily ever after!



Ofsted Online Safety Webinar

Despite schools' strong awareness of risk, Ofsted have identified an increase in cases where on-line access has placed children in danger. Grooming, radicalisation and child

sexual exploitation are often perpetrated via the internet and pose a real threat to children of all ages. Given this rise in incidents, Ofsted have worked with the Breck Foundation to offer schools and parents a webinar to identify and consider dangers presented by the internet. The webinar offers guidance to parents about how to help their children stay safe. This webinar will be hosted on 31 January at 19:00. You can register for the webinar via: <u>http://bit.ly/OnlineSafetyWebinar</u>

SCHOOL DATES FOR 2017—2018 ACADEMICYEAR

Description	Date	Time
o2 Young Voices Concert	Tue 30 January	
Spring Half term	12 - 16 February	
Yr 6 Greek workshop	Thu 22 February	
Yr 5 to Warner Bros Studio tour	Tue 6 March	
Yr 4 class to Synagogue	Wed 7 March	
Spring Term Parents' Meetings	Wed 7 March	15:30-17:30
Yr 4 class to Synagogue	Thu 8 March	
Spring Term Parents' Meetings	Thu 8 March	15:30-19:30
Yr 5 to Fullbrook for 'Little Shpp of Horrors'	Fri 9 March	
Yr 2 to Brooklands Museum	Wed 14 March	
Friends' Quiz Night	Sat 24 March	
Yr 5 Residential to Fairthorne Manor	Mon 26 - Thu 29 March	
School Easter Service at CoGS	Thu 29 March	09:30
Last Day of Spring Term	Thu 29 March	finish at 13:30
Easter Holidays	2 - 13 April	
First Day of Summer Term	Mon 16 April	
Yr I to Nower Wood	Tue I7 April	
Reception to Ladyland Farm	Fri 20 April	
Yr 5 Viking workshop	Mon 23 April	
Yr 4 Residential to Hindleap Warren	Mon 23 - Wed 25 April	
Yr 3 Residential to High Ashurst (all Elm + Maple boys)	Mon 30 April - Tue I May	
Yr 4 Tropical Zoo	Wed 2 May	
May Bank Holiday	Mon 7 May	
Yr 3 Residential to High Ashurst (all Juniper + Maple girls)	Tue 8 - Wed 9 May	
Circus	Sun 13 May	
SATs Week	14 - 18 May	
Yr 4 Bikeability Course	Wed 23 - Thu 24 May	
Summer Half term	28 May - I June	
Yr 6 Bikeability Couse	Mon 4 - Fri 8 June	
Yr 2 to The Lookout Discovery Centre	Tue 12 June	
Yr 4 to Wisley	Wed 13 June	
PTA Golf Day	Fri 15 June	
Yr 6 Residential to Gaveston Hall	18 - 22 June	
Yr I to Chessington	Thu 21 June	
PTA Masked Ball at Brooklands	Fri 22 June	
Yr 3 class to Henley Fort	Mon 25 June	
Yr 6 Leavers' Service at Guildford Cathedral	Mon 25 June	12:30
Yr 3 class to Henley Fort	Tue 26 June	
Yr 3 class to Henley Fort	Wed 27 June	
Yr 5 Bikeability Course	Mon 2 - Wed 4 July	
Seconday School Induction Days	Tue 3 and/or Wed 4 July	
Yr 2 Pedals Course	Thu 5 July	
FS & KSI Sports Day	Tue 10 July	am
KS2 Sports Day	Thu 12 July	
Pyrford & Wisley Flower Show	Sat 14 July	
Leavers' Service at CoGS	Fri 20 July	09:30
Last Day of Summer Term	Fri 20 July	finish at 13:30
INSET DAY	Mon 23 July	



CLOSING DATE FOR ORDERS : THURSDAY 1ST MARCH

Out of the 80 million chocolate Easter Eggs sold each year, The Real Easter Egg is the only Fairtrade one with the Easter story in the box. www.realeasteregg.co.uk

(original & dark eggs include 24 page Easter story-activity book)	Total	
Original (125g milk choc egg + 25g chunky buttons)	@ £3.99	£
Dark (165g dark choc egg + 3 x 5g dark choc squares)	@ £5.50	£
Special Edition (200g milk choc egg, 80g orange milk choc bar, olive wood holding cross keyring, simple guide to Easter)	@ £9.99	£
return to office with cash or cheque payable to 'Pyrford Church of England Primary School'	TOTAL	£

NAME	CHILD'S NAME	CLASS



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will DEFINITELY be back tomorrow!"

Dates: 12th – 16th February 2018 Time: 8am – 6pm Location: Pyrford Primary School, Woking (GU22 8TG) Details: £30 per day Promotions: 10% S4K Member Discount 5% Sibling Discount Book online at Sport4kids.biz

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A message from Fullbrook School

Our students are gearing up for their spring production of the delectable comedy rock musical, Little Shop of Horrors in March. We have a great cast and crew, and things are shaping up to be a fantastic experience for all involved. With that in mind, we are delighted to open up the performances to the wider community. Based on guidance from our Drama department, the performances are only suitable for children in years 5 & 6. Tickets will go on sale to the general public from Monday 29th 2018 via the Fullbrook school lanuary We anticipate high reception. demand for performances, so suggest that anyone interested should book early to avoid disappointment.

Our Year 5 pupils will be attending a performance during the day on Friday 9th March.



3rd February

7:30pm - 9:30pm at St. Mary's church hall, Byfleet

Disco , Chill Zone, PS4 , Tuck Shop

An event for those in school year 6 up to max age 14

 $\pounds 5$ tickets from Byfleet and New Haw libraries on the day between 10:30am – 12:00

PLEASE NOTE - £7 tickets available at the hall on the day between 5:30pm and 6:30pm only, NO tickets will be available on the door

> Club Zone is run by the Zone Events Team – part of St. Mary's church youth ministry Further details can be obtained at zone_events_team@yahoo.co.uk



Cut-price theatre tickets at New Victoria Theatre, Woking



FPPS (Friends of Pyrford C of E Primary School) has secured seats at great rates for Shrek the Musical, thanks to the New Victoria Theatre's group discounts. Every ticket bought through us will automatically also contribute at least £2 to our school fund. Join the fun! Please fill out the form and return to the FRIENDS box in the School office.

A NIGHT AT THE THEATRE – June 2018

No of tickets you require	Date	time	Seat location	Your price	Reduced from		
	Tuesday 5 ^m June 2018	7pm	Upper Circle – back rows	£23.00 each	£28.50		
			Upper Circle – front rows	£32.00 each	£37.50		
Best seats will	Best seats will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.						
I would like (number of ticktes) @ £(price band) and therefore enclose a cheque payable to FPPS for £ (total amount).							
Name:							
email:							
Tel: Child's Name & Class:							
 Please note that contact info is essential in order to receipt payment and arrange ticket collection. All ticket requests MUST be received with payment by the 9th March 2018 but the earlier the better to secure seats. Please return this slip & payment to the Friends box at the school office window, clearly marking your envelope 'Shrek'. For any queries, please email <u>emilykidd78@gmail.com</u> or call 07970 870014. 							

THANK YOU for supporting our school and here's to a fun family evening!

Years 4 - 6 Friday Running Club 2018 - Spring Term start date tbc

Did you know that since Running Club began ...

- 25 parents have volunteered to help out
- **30-40** children = our average weekly attendance
- ♦ 66 = our record attendance for a single session!
- over 140 KS2 children have taken part to date
- ◆ 2000+ hours of extra exercise at Pyrford = total so far (based on average attendance!)

These are fantastic numbers - and we want to keep them going and growing!

But we urgently need just 1 or 2 parent volunteers to join the club's core team of leaders to keep us - well - running! Sessions are planned; children are raring to go, but we need help

If you can commit to a sequence of sessions a term as a team leader, please contact us!

Y3 parents, if your child is itching to join Running Club NOW and you can help, please contact us!

If you can help in any way, please contact us jacquilmb@gmail.com



Raising Your Bilingual Child A workshop for parents

These workshops are aimed at parents interested in preserving the family's mother tongue or home language in an English-speaking environment.

They provide tips on gracefully negotiating the many language issues within a multilingual family whilst developing both the child's mother tongue or home language and the English language.

Tips for:

Maintaining your mother tongue or home language
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